

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. - 4. (Cancelled).

5. (Cancelled).

6. - 9. (Cancelled).

10. - 12. (Cancelled).

13. (Previously Presented). A cranial-flap fixation system, comprising:

a cranial-flap clamp comprising a first closure member having a stem extending therefrom and a second closure member slidably attached to the stem so as to be moved towards the first closure member to lock a cranial flap to a skull;

a tensioning tool for tensioning the first and second closure member relative to one another; and

a stem trimming tool configured to remove excess stem extending from the second tensioned closure member, the trimming tool comprising:

a first cutting jaw extending from the first end of the first handle;

a second cutting jaw extending from the first end of the second handle, wherein the first and second cutting jaws are configured to cut an object when closed towards one another; and

a clip having a first end fixed to either the first or second cutting jaw and a second end extending over the jaw and configured to retain the cut object between the clip and the closed jaws until the first and second jaws are separated or the cut object is forcibly removed from the clip.

14. (Previously Presented). The system of claim 13, including a spring interposed between the first and second handles of the trimming tool for biasing the first and second jaws into an open position.

15. (Previously Presented). The system of claim 14, wherein the spring comprises first and second leaf springs, a first end of the first leaf spring being attached to the second end of the first handle, a first end of the second leaf spring being attached to the second end of the second handle, wherein the second ends of the first and second leaf springs are connected to each other.

16. (Previously Presented). The system of claim 13, wherein the clip is resiliently flexible and configured to flex upward as an object is cut so as to retain the object between the second end of the clip and the associated first or second jaw.

17. (Previously Presented). The system of claim 13, wherein the second end of the clip includes a sharp edge generally positioned over the cutting edge of the associated first or second jaw and adapted to partially cut into a portion of the stem to securely hold the removed stem within the jaws.